12813 PATENT APPLICATION ITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMA OFFICE NWX Grous 1645 Unknown Examiner: Inventor(s): SMITH et al. Atty. Dkt. 0276523 Z70639/US 761,581 Appln. No.: 09 Client Ref Series Code ↑ Serial No. 个 Appln. Title: **METHODS** January 18, 2001 Filed: RECEIVED Hon. Commissioner of Patents SEP 1 7 2001 Washington, D.C. 20231 SEP 1 9 2001 Sir: Date: September 17, 2004 CENTER 1600/2900 INFORMATION DISCLOSURESTATEMENT This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto. FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED 1. Small Entity claim For B & C Additional Fee Code Large/Small Entity A. D NOT made **Highest number** Present Extra Claims See Required remaining after previously paid for Fee B. Withdrawn Separate Paper Lg/Sm C. made herewith amendment (Pat-256) D. made previously 103/203 + \$0 **minus 0 x \$18/\$9 =14 20 2. Total Effective Claims 102/202 + \$0 x \$80/\$40 =5 ***minus 5 0 3. Independent Claims 4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first + \$270/\$135 = + \$0 104/204 **⋈** NONE 5. Original due Date: 115/215 6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due \$110/\$55 = (1 mo) 116/216 + \$0 \$390/\$195 = date to cover the date this response is filed for which the (2 mos) 117/217 (3 mos) \$890/\$445 = requisite fee is attached 118/218 \$1390/\$695= (Usable only for \leq 2mo.OA - - - 4 mos) 128/228 \$1890/\$945= (Usable only for 30 day/1mo.OA - - - 5 mos) - \$0 7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract **Extension Fee Attached** + \$0 + \$110/\$55 + \$0 148/248 9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee 10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), add 126 + \$180 + \$0 126 or if Rule 97(d) Request add + \$180 146/246 + \$710/355 + \$0 11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) 149/249 + \$0 x \$710/355 ea 12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)..... 1179/1279 + \$710/355 + \$0 13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) + \$0 14. Petition fee for TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED = \$0 15. 16. *If the entry in this space is less than entry in next space, the "Present Extra" result is "0". 17. **If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space. 18. ***If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space. Our Deposit Account No. 03-3975) 0276523 (Our Order No. 009901 CHARGE STATEMENT: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and therefore no certification under 37 CFR §1.97(e) or fee is under 37 CFR §1.17(p) is required.

This Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to fully comply.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the herewith filed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 along with an early action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

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